The Corps offers many ways for Marines to serve their

country. These are just a few of the many military occupational specialties in the Corps and the Marines who excel at them...

V CH-46E Helicopter Pilot – MOS 7562 Mai, Ted "Cannibal"



Parker is a 16-year veteran of the Marine Corps and a pilot with Marine Helicopter Squadron 1. HMX-1 provides all helicopter transportation for the president of the United States.

The major is 37 years

old and a graduate of Inglewood High School in Inglewood, Calif., and the University of Southern California. He has been with the squadron for three years.

Parker enjoys "working for the current administration and flying Marine Corps executive helicopters. I have a strong belief in the current administration and a love for the Marine Corps," he said.

Drill Instructor – MOS 8511



M. Hunt is a 32-year-old native of Manassas, Va., and a graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School. He is a personnel/administrative chief, 0193, currently assigned as the company gunnery sergeant of Headquar-

ters, Marine Security Guard Battalion, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The 13-year veteran served a four-year tour as a drill instructor at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., that prepared him well for his current job. The best part of his job is "leading Marines, influencing the future of the Marine Corps – and getting paid to do it. I'm the company 'guns' – it doesn't get any better than this."

Trainer – MOS 8552 Sgt. Jing Xu, a



27-year-old native of Vineland, N.J., is a combat engineer by trade, but has made it to the top of the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program and now serves as a first-degree black belt instructor trainer

at the Martial Arts Center of Excellence at The Basic School, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

"I like to be around people and as a martial arts instructor trainer I have the responsibility of passing my knowledge to others. Seeing the students come through the course and learn makes me feel like I have done something right – I've done my job."

"President's Own" United States Marine Band Member – MOS 9811



Master Gunnery
Sgt. Thomas D. Kohl is
the 34th drum major of
"The President's Own"
United States Marine
Band. He is a 36-year-old
native of Rialto, Calif.,
and a graduate of Eisenhower High School.
The 19-year veteran

began playing the clarinet at 9. Today, the musician says the best part of his job is "telling the Marine Corps story, because it not only educates those unaware of our history and purpose, it can also inspire young Americans to a cause greater than themselves."

Marine Security Guard – MOS 815



is a native of Gastonia,
N.C. His primary job in
the Corps is a field wireman. He recently graduated Marine Security
Guard School at Marine
Corps Base Quantico, Va.
and is now stationed at
the embassy in Lagos,

Nigeria, West Africa. "I'm looking forward to the chance to travel and see a bunch of countries. I'm sure there will be culture shock," said the 21-year-old who has never traveled overseas.

Scout Sniper – MOS 85



25-year-old Sgt.
Christopher M. Sharon
is a native of Watertown,
Wis., and attended
Watertown High School.
His primary military
occupational specialty
is 0311, rifleman, but
he is currently serving
as a scout sniper.

He is assigned as a marksmanship instructor at the Scout Sniper Instructor School, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va.

The six-and-a-half-year veteran enjoys training other Marines to become scout snipers because, "the Marine infantryman is the most beautiful son-of-a-bitch on the battlefield, and if I can make (my students) more efficient killers, then I have helped to save hundreds of other grunts." His daily motivation comes from, "being the best and knowing that I have to prove it everyday to everyone in and out of the Corps – and doing it."

See the story on Page 35 to learn more about one of the Corps' legendary snipers.

V Explosive Ordnance Dispose Technician – MOS 2336



Perry says he enjoys
the unpredictability of
being an explosive ordnance technician. A
native of Lockport, N.Y.,
and a graduate of Newfane High School, he's
been enjoying that
unpredictability for two

Staff Sqt. Jason

and a half years. He made a lateral move to EOD after his first tour as an ammunition technician. The 26-year-old wakes each day and heads to his job at Headquarters and Service Battalion, G-3 Operations, at Quantico, Va., where he may be faced with mundane paperwork or with the thrill of pulling live ordnance from a local resident's back yard. "You never know what you'll encounter in this job on a day-to-day basis."

To learn how to make a lateral move in this MOS see the story on Page 20.

V Drill Instructor – MOS 851



Former drill instructor Gunnery Sgt. Charmalyn Knapp is currently a platoon sergeant at Officer Candidates School, Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. The 32-year-old native of Grants Pass, Ore., is a 13-year veteran and

holds the primary military occupational specialty of 0161, postal clerk. She spent four years on the drill field at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., and now has the responsibility of training officers at OCS. "The best part of training recruits and officers is maintaining and upholding the traditions, customs and courtesies that make the Marine Corps different from the other services. I feel a great sense of pride and satisfaction in knowing that I play a vital role in molding the future leaders of our Corps."

Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Specialist – MOS 7051



Marines like 22-yearold Cpl. Robert Krepp play a vital role in the daily operations of the Corps' air facilities. ARFF Marines are responsible for extinguishing fires in and around aircraft and for rescuing victims of aircraft crashes.

On Point

ABOARD USS NASSAU (LHA 4) - A MV-22 Osprey, with

Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron 22, based at Marine

Corps Air Station New River, N.C., takes off from the flight deck

March 23. Nassau personnel worked with the Osprey for the first

time during a weeklong underway period. The ship's air depart-

personnel to Chambers Field, Norfolk, Va., to analyze the Osprey

ment spent a month preparing for the evolution by sending

during flight operations. Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Andrew King

A graduate of Hylton Senior High School in Woodbridge, Va., Krepp calls Stafford home. He is stationed at Marine Corps Air Facility Quantico, Va.

"Being a firefighter for the Marine Corps is the most rewarding feeling. I wouldn't want any other job. Knowing that one minute you can be sitting at work doing daily tasks, the next saving someone's life, and the next laying down cover fire for the Marines to your left or right is the most rewarding feeling in the world. Waking up everyday knowing I'm a part of this elite fighting force keeps me going."

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V Take up the Recon challenge – The reconnaissance military occupational specialty is one of several seeking qualified applicants for a lateral move. For more about the prerequisites for this and other short fall MOSs, see the story on Page 20. Photo by Lance Cpl. Brandon R. Holgersen

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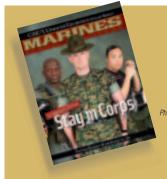
🦰 gt. Donald P. Bohanner was born in Memphis, Tenn., but grew up in Ann Arbor, Mich. After attending college for a year he decided to enlist because he was searching for something more rewarding it of life," the 25-year-old said. He joined

the Marine Corps May 24, 1999, as a combat videographer.

He made the switch from videographer to combat corresponder in 2003 and enjoys his job. "I get to tell the world our story," he said He is currently the press chief for the MCB Quantico newspape The Sentry. Past assignments include a stint at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C., and a seven-month deployment to Iraq. He recently wrote a three-part series about changes at the

Personnel Support Management Branch, which has been condense for this issue of Marines. "In the three-part series I learned a lot about the OMPF and

fitness reports, the key was debunking many of the myths about fitness reports." You can learn about the myths and the process in Bohanner's story on page 16. M



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Photo Illustration by Roger Selvage,

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SOUND OFF

Opportunities to Excel

or Marines, recruit training and Officer Candidate School are the first transformational steps in a journey filled with growth and challenge.

The rest of their time in the Corps – whether four years or 20 – is spent honing the skills learned in initial training and developing new personal capabilities to excel. The drive to become better Marines and leaders through education and training is a hallmark of today's warriors.

Marine Corps Institute courses, Staff Noncommissioned Officer Academies, off-duty education – all are career-enhancing forays on a Marine's journey from signing up to checking out. The tangible and intangible

From the Editor skills learned in uniform and sharpened with time in the Corps are

carried forward to life after service as a leatherneck. But to fight today's battles and the emerging threats of the 21st century, even more is expected of Marines.

Marines are learning to fight a new type of war – the asymmetrical war. This type of battle, characterized by non-force-on-force tactics, requires quicker, more adaptable and highly trained war-

Fortunately, these are traits Marines have excelled at throughout our history. As an institution, the Corps is adapting – shifting capabilities - and individual Marines are also rising to the challenge.

Marines can take advantage of new programs such as the MOS Roadmaps to better chart career progress. Advanced knowledge bases like the Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., increase Marines' understanding of the people we help and the enemies we fight.

Change is in the air and opportunities abound, but the challenge remains for the individual Marine to take advantage of these opportunities.

In this issue, *Marines* looks at how to better chart a journey in the Corps, the upcoming changes that will affect Marines and programs designed to help them in uniform and out. As in years past, Marines continue to do what we do best, adapt to the situation and fight our nation's battles. M

Semper Fi,

I received (Marines magazine) today, saw the survey card and decided to write. Included is the card but I wanted to offer a couple of comments. I have been very impressed with the quality of print material, photos and articles. I wish this type of magazine had been available when I was on active duty. I feel the subscription price is reasonable considering the fine paper and ink and the time you must spend creating this periodical.

I have two specific comments to share. First, dealing with the Superintend-ent of Documents for subscription is a life experience in itself. My first subscription took at least 9 months to get right and I'm not sure if I received all the issues from 2002 to 2003 or not. The renewals seemed to have gone better. Second, it would be very enjoyable to receive this magazine monthly. I think to have such a quality product (on a monthly basis) would be a welcome and informative sight. I would encourage members of my local Marine Corps League to subscribe (with a disclaimer regarding dealing with SupDoc for subscriptions of course!).

Thank you for your interest in my opinion and thanks for such a great magazine. Good luck in the future. Semper Fi.

> Respectfully, Richard T. Smith, CPA Served in the Corps from 1971–1977

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Tell it to the *Marines!*



Here's your chance to write for Marines.
Take a look at the photograph above and tell us what you think is happening. Submit your funny caption to MCNews@hqmc.
usmc.mil. Include your name, unit and base. Marines will pick the best one to



Last Issue's Funny Caption Winner: "Wait a minute ... this isn't where I parked!"

— Lance Cpl. Brandon Mirocke 5th Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps performs (See July 1 above)

Armed Forces Men's Basketball at MCB Camp Pendleton, Calif. The Young Marines National Encampment 2 takes place at Outdoor Odyssey in Boswell, Pa. Learn more at: www.



Last day of reporting for active duty second lieutenants, reserve colonels and active

Silent Drill Platoon at Marine Barracks

CISM Men's Basketbal

The Young Marines takes place at Outdoor

Bugle Corps performs (See Aug. 5 above) Aug. 12, 1949

All Marine Women's Basketball at MCAS Miramar, Calif.

Show in Dayton, Ohio support the 47th Air & Water Show in Chicago, Ill. All Marine Men's Basketball at MCB Camp

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Corps – July 1, 8, 15, & 22 and Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26 Silent Drill Platoon and Marine Drum & Bugle Corps performs (See Aug. 5 above)

support Thunder Over the Boardwalk in Atlantic City, N.J. All Marine Women's Softball, MCAGCC

Marines, led by Lt. Col

S. E. Watson, began their march on the "Halls of Montezuma" in Mexico. Staff Sgt. Barbara Olive

first woman awarded the Navy-Marine Corps Medal. The Pittsburgh native, a member of the Marine Reserve, saved a

> Men's Softball East Coast Regional at MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., and Softball MCRD San Diego

< Aug. 21, 1968
Secretary of the Navy,
Paul R. Ignatius present
ed Pfc. James Anderson

This was the first Meda

Last day of reporting for active duty sergeants major and master

gunnery sergeants; reserve sergeants, staff sergeants, gunnery captains and majors; and active reserve sergeants, staff sergeants, gunnery sergeants, first sergeants and master sergeants

support Spirit of St. Louis at Chesterfield Airport in St. Louis, Mo.

< Sept. 5
Labor Day

Marine Corps

Softball in Killeen,

at Naval Base Ventura County, Calif.

Sept. 11 > Patriot Day All-Marine Golf at MCRD Parris Island, S.C Sept. 11, 2001 Terrorists hijack and

plane crashed in Pennsylvania after pas-

later, the 1st and 5th

Marines would attack Seoul and the city would be captured by Sept. 27, 1950.

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